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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please renumber originally filed claims as 1-40 because there is no claim 17 originally filed, and then enter the following amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, before line 1, please insert: --The present application claims priority as a continuation application to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/433,352, filed November 4, 1999, which in turn claims priority to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/017,197, filed February 2, 1998.—

delete lines 21-30 in their entirety;

line 21, insert the following:

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-- The present invention relates to an apparatus for transporting articles, such as hand tools and similar items, between desired locations.